

PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. LAR50-001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
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	Steven S. Larsen)
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Application No.:	10/690,421) Art Unit
) 3732
Confirmation No.:	3835)
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Filed:	10/20/2003)
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For:	Endodontic instrument)
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Examiner:	Lewis, Ralph A.)

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT STEVE LARSEN IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Attn: Office of Petitions

Sir/Madam:

I hereby make the following declaration, under penalty of perjury, and under applicable state and federal law:

1. In 2003 I hired patent counsel to assist with this patent application.
2. This application is my first, and I do not otherwise have any experience prosecuting patent applications.

3. This patent application is important to me because the underlying product is part of a family business in which I involve my children and upon which they depend for support.

4. Throughout the prosecution and appeal of this patent application, I have acted diligently and relied on my counsel to inform me as to status and all of my options for pursuing a patent.

5. But, I have not been accurately informed of the status of the application and all of my options for pursuing it.

6. On April 2, 2012 I hired new counsel to examine my file and inform me as to the status of the matter.

7. I am informed that former counsel obtained numerous, lengthy extensions during prosecution of this application, of which I was unaware, and for which I paid.

8. Significantly, I was not timely made aware of all of the options for pursuing the patent application or the underlying technology, including through a request for continued examination (RCE) or continuation-type applications.

9. From new counsel, I understand that my application is now termed "abandoned" by the USPTO as of November 17, 2011.

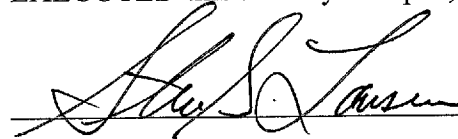
10. I did not intend to abandon my patent application at that time and to date.

11. Any abandonment of my patent application was unintentional.

12. Better understanding the current status, I now desire to file a continuation-in-part (CIP) application to address and overcome all former objections and rejections by the examiner and appeals board, and what I perceive as deficiencies in the original application.

13. Under these circumstances, I respectfully request that you allow me to "revive" my patent application to file the CIP, which I understand will be submitted with this request.

EXECUTED this 3rd day of April, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven S. Larsen", is written over a horizontal line.

Steven S. Larsen, Applicant